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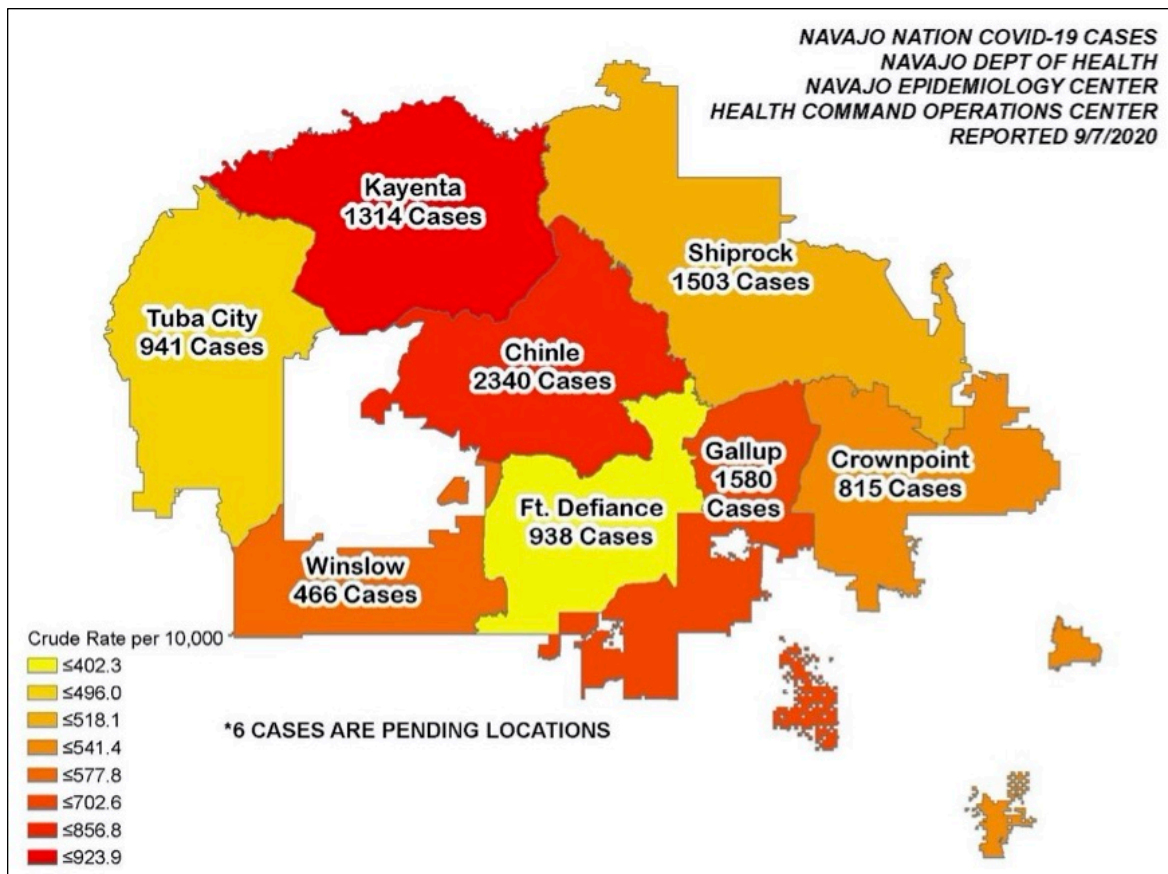
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**0 new cases, 7,157 recoveries, and four deaths related to COVID-19 reported**



**WINDOW ROCK, Ariz.** – On Tuesday, the Navajo Department of Health, in coordination with the Navajo Epidemiology Center and the Navajo Area Indian Health Service, reported zero COVID-19 positive cases for the Navajo Nation and four more deaths. The total number of deaths has reached 527 as of Tuesday. Reports indicate that 7,157 individuals have recovered from COVID-19 and 97,644 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 9,903, which includes two previously unreported positive cases from July.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

- Chinle Service Unit: 2,340
- Crownpoint Service Unit: 815

- Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 938
- Gallup Service Unit: 1,580
- Kayenta Service Unit: 1,314
- Shiprock Service Unit: 1,503
- Tuba City Service Unit: 941
- Winslow Service Unit: 466

\* Six residences with COVID-19 positive cases are not specific enough to place them accurately in a Service Unit.

The Navajo Nation will have another 32-hour partial weekend lockdown beginning on Saturday, Sept. 12, 2020 at 9:00 p.m. until Monday, Sept. 14 at 5:00 a.m. (MDT) to help control and prevent the spread of COVID-19 on the Navajo Nation. On Tuesday, the state of Utah reported 326 new cases of COVID-19, the state of Arizona reported 81 new cases, and New Mexico reported 44.

"No new cases reported today is good news, but the reality is that our daily numbers will continue to fluctuate as long as there is no vaccine available. A portion of the positive cases over the last week is due to a few individuals hosting family gatherings. We have to remember that there is a Public Health Emergency Order in place that prohibits gatherings due to the threat of COVID-19. I am confident that we, the Navajo people, can minimize the impacts of the upcoming flu season by continuing to wear your masks, wash your hands, practice social distancing, stay home as much as possible, and avoid large crowds. We know how to reduce the spread of COVID-19, but we have to be disciplined enough to continue practicing those safety measures on a daily basis," said Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez.

On Tuesday, the Nez-Lizer Administration distributed care packages, bottled water, and masks to families in the communities of Crystal and Red Lake, N.M. The U.S. Census office was also present to provide information and to help residents respond for the 2020 Census.

"We appreciate all of the hard work that the Navajo people have done to this point, and we want everyone to stay the course and continue to bring the numbers down consistently. Our frontline workers are doing a great job in continuing to educate the public and bring awareness. We cannot thank them enough for fighting for our people each and every day. As we move into the flu season, please continue to pray for our Nation and to be diligent in your daily activities to avoid COVID-19 and the flu," said Vice President Myron Lizer.

For more information, including helpful prevention tips, and resources to help stop the spread of COVID-19, visit the Navajo Department of Health's COVID-19 website: <http://www.ndoh.navajo-nns.gov/COVID-19>. For COVID-19 related questions and information, call (928) 871-7014.

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